Donald Abelson Chief of the International Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Abelson:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration, on behalf of the Executive Branch Agencies, has approved the release of an additional Draft Executive Branch (NTIA) proposal considering federal agency inputs toward the development of U.S. Proposals for WRC-03.

The proposal addresses agenda item 1.24, which is concerned with the review of the usage of the band 13.75-14 GHz, in accordance with Resolution 733 (WRC-2000), with a view to addressing sharing conditions. Studies completed in accordance with this agenda item and Resolution 733 have not determined an effective method of preventing FSS systems operating with earth stations with smaller than 4.5 meter antennas from creating harmful interference to other services in the 13.75-14.0 GHz band. Therefore we are proposing the suppression of Resolution 733 (WRC-2000) since it no longer applies to 5.502 and can be suppressed. We are proposing *No Change* (NOC) to the text contained in footnote 5.502 other than the removal of the reference to Resolution 733. Since footnotes 5.502 and 5.503 are integrally related in maintaining the delicate sharing balance between the radiolocation, radionavigation, space research and fixed-satellite services in the 13.75-14 GHz band, we are also proposing *No Change* (NOC) for 5.503.

This proposal is forwarded for your consideration and review by your WRC-03 Advisory Committee. Jim Vorhies from my staff will contact Alexander Roytblat and reconcile any differences.

Sincerely,

(Signed April 11, 2002)
Fredrick R. Wentland
Acting Associate Administrator
Office of Spectrum Management

Enclosure